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LIAISON WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS.

A major portion of the work of the Legislative Counsel involves contacts with the members of Congress, and more particularly their office staffs, on routine inquiries of various sorts, the greatest number of which involves personnel applications at CIA. It has been the practice, since the Agency started, to route all Congressional correspondence and inquiries regarding personnel matters through this office. This serves to build up in one place the Congressional contacts with the Agency. An index file on all Congressional applicants is maintained there, and Congressional correspondence is prepared for the signature of the Director or the Legislative Counsel.

During the period from 1 January 1953 to 1 September 1954 there have been approximately 671 job applications arising from Congressional sponsorship, which is almost two new cases per working day. There was a sharp drop from over 400 cases during the first session of the Congress to 241 during the second session. Of these applicants, the Agency employed 32, which is almost 5% of those applying. This is virtually the same percentage as applies to hirings in the Agency from all applications.

During the 83rd Congress, from January 1953 to 1 September 1954, the office of the Legislative Counsel has been in personal, written, or telephonic communication with 84 Senators, 257 Congressmen, or their offices, on various matters including committee briefings, personnel applications, general inquiries and the like.

During 1953, the office was in contact with 75 Senators and 190 Congressmen, or their offices.

During 1954, the office was in contact with 65 Senators and 156 Congressmen, or their offices.

The discrepancy between the yearly figures and the total figures for the 83rd Congress to date is accounted for by the fact that many of the offices concerned were contacted both in 1953 and 1954.